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SUBJECT: GOH POSITION ON CSCE

1. SUMMARY: DURING CONVERSATION WITH EMB POLOFF JAN 22 AND 30, ANNA BEBRITS, CHIEF OF INTER SECURITY SECTION OF MFA GAVE INTERESTING EXPLANATION OF GOH VIEWS ON CSCE, SOME PROBLEMS WITHIN WARSAW PACT (WP) AND PLEA FOR GREATER USG PARTICIPATION. END SUMMARY.

2. BEBRITS SAID THAT NATURALLY, MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR "SOCIALIST COUNTRIES" WAS THAT OF FRONTIERS -- PARTICULARLY THOSE OF FRG. THEY WISHED TO INSURE THAT FRG IS NOT GIVEN ANY WAY TO REOPEN ISSUE OF ITS BOUNDARIES WITH GDR, POLAND OR CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND THAT REUNIFICATION ISSUE NOT INTERFERE WITH DESIRE TO

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"STABILIZE" PRESENT SITUATION IN EUROPE. WP MEMBERS

INSIST THAT FINAL STATEMENT ON BOUNDARIES NOT ALLOW FOR A CHANGE IN CENTRAL EUROPE BY ANY MEANS AND THAT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES MUST NOT EVEN REFER TO CHANGE BY "PEACEFUL METHODS". BEBRITS SAID THAT IN SECTION DEALING WITH PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, THERE COULD POSSIBLY BE SMALL REFERENCE TO "MINOR ADJUSTMENTS" SO AS TO ACCOMMODATE SPANISH, (PRESUMABLY A REFERENCE TO GIBRALTAR). SHE INSISTED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE COULD BE NO COMPROMISE PERMITTING FUTURE CHANGES IN CENTRAL EUROPEAN BOUNDARIES.

3. BEBRITS REFERRED TO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EAST AND WEST OVER PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MILITARY MANEUVERS. SHE SAID NATO WAS INSISTING ON PRIOR NOTIFICATION ON DIVISION-SIZE MANEUVERS WHEREAS WP COUNTRIES, "PRIMARILY SOVIETS", BELIEVE THAT AT LEAST A CORPS SHOULD BE INVOLVED. SOME NATO COUNTRIES, SHE SAID, WANT TOO MUCH PRIOR NOTICE, WHEREAS THE WP THINKS THAT 5-6 HOURS IS SUFFICIENT.

4. BEBRITS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT "SOCIALIST COUNTRIES" HAD REACTED TOO NEGATIVELY TO PROPOSALS FOR GREATER FLOW OF PEOPLES AND IDEAS, ADDING THAT EFFORT IS NOW BEING MADE TO SHOW POSITIVE THINGS BEING DONE. ASKED TO BE MORE SPECIFIC, SHE VAGUELY MENTIONED POSSIBLE LIVE TELEVISION DEBATES, FACILITATION OF TOURISM AND INCREASES IN EXCHANGE OF "OBJECTIVE AND NON-INFLAMMATORY" INFORMATION. IN INTERESTING ASIDE, BEBRITS SAID THAT HUNGARY WAS MORE PREPARED FOR INCREASED CULTURAL AND INFORMATIONAL EXCHANGES THAN OTHER "SOCIALIST STATES". SHE COMPARED WP POSITION AT CSCE TO THAT OF CONVOY WHICH CAN ONLY TRAVEL AS FAST AS ITS SLOWEST COMPONENT. REFERRING TO "SLOWEST COMPONENTS" SHE MENTIONED "LACK OF READINESS" IN THE GDR AND USSR FOR MANY WESTERN PROPOSALS.

5. BEBRITS CRITICIZED WEST FOR ALLEGEDLY ATTEMPTING TO INTERFERE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF "SOCIALIST COUNTRIES" BY USE OF BASKET 3 PROPOSALS. BEBRITS DENIED THAT CALLS BY "SOCIALIST" LEADERS FOR A SHARPENED IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE WITH WEST, IMPLIED A DESIRE TO INTERFERE IN WESTERN AFFAIRS. SHE SAID THAT THESE CALLS WERE FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERNAL PURPOSES, TO REMIND PEOPLE THAT DETENTE, AND GREATER EAST-WEST CULTURAL CONTACTS, SHOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH OR DILUTE "SOCIALIST MORALITY" OR DISTURB "DISTINCTIVE PRINCIPLES OF SOCIALIST POLITICS".

6. US ROLE. WITH SOME CONCERN BEBRITS INQUIRED WHY US WAS NOT PLAYING A MORE "ACTIVE ROLE" AT GENEVA, BECAUSE US WAS MORE "BUSINESS-LIKE AND POSITIVE" THAN MANY

SMALL EUROPEAN STATES. SHE AGREED THAT IT WAS PRIMARILY
EUROPEAN SHOW BUT SAID THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT
US PLAY A "CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE" IN MOVING THINGS ALONG.
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